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Sir:

Pursuant to applicants' continuing duty of disclosure, it is respectfully requested that the disclosures cited in the annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-identified application.

The references listed on sheets 1-3 were previously cited and submitted in the parent application, U.S. Application Serial No. 10/238,108, filed September 9, 2002. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) and 35 U.S.C. §120, copies of the references can be obtained in the above-identified application.

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The filing of this information disclosure statement is not an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

- This information disclosure statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of this application.
- This information disclosure statement is being filed within three (3) months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491 in an international application.
- To the best of Applicant(s) knowledge, this information disclosure statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in connection with this case.
- Enclosed herewith is a certificate under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1).
- Enclosed herewith is a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(ii).
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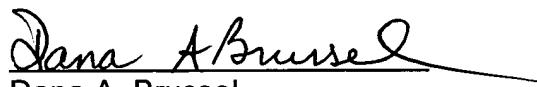
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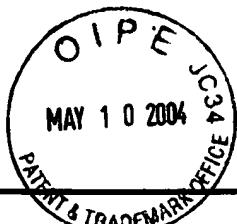
The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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